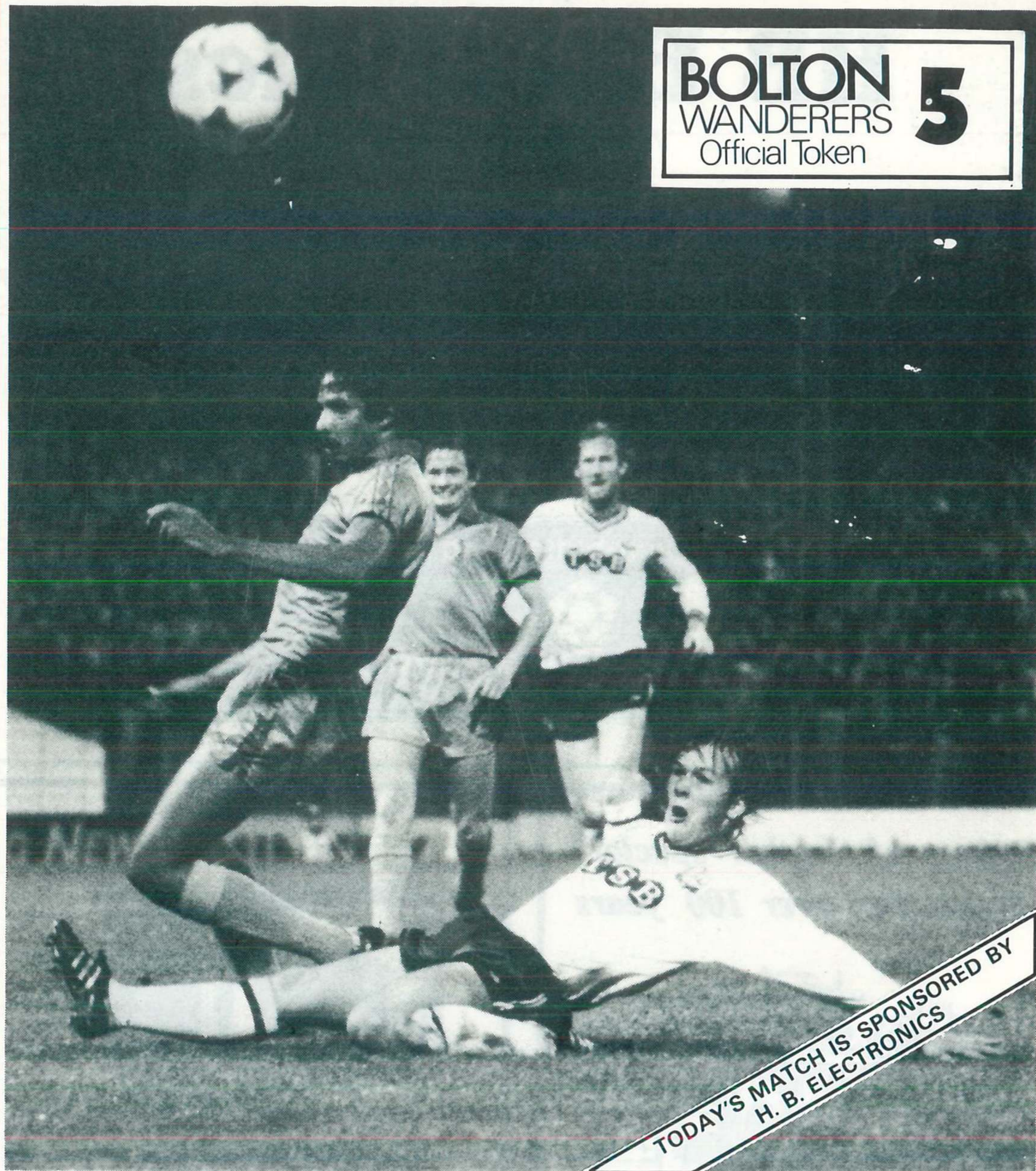


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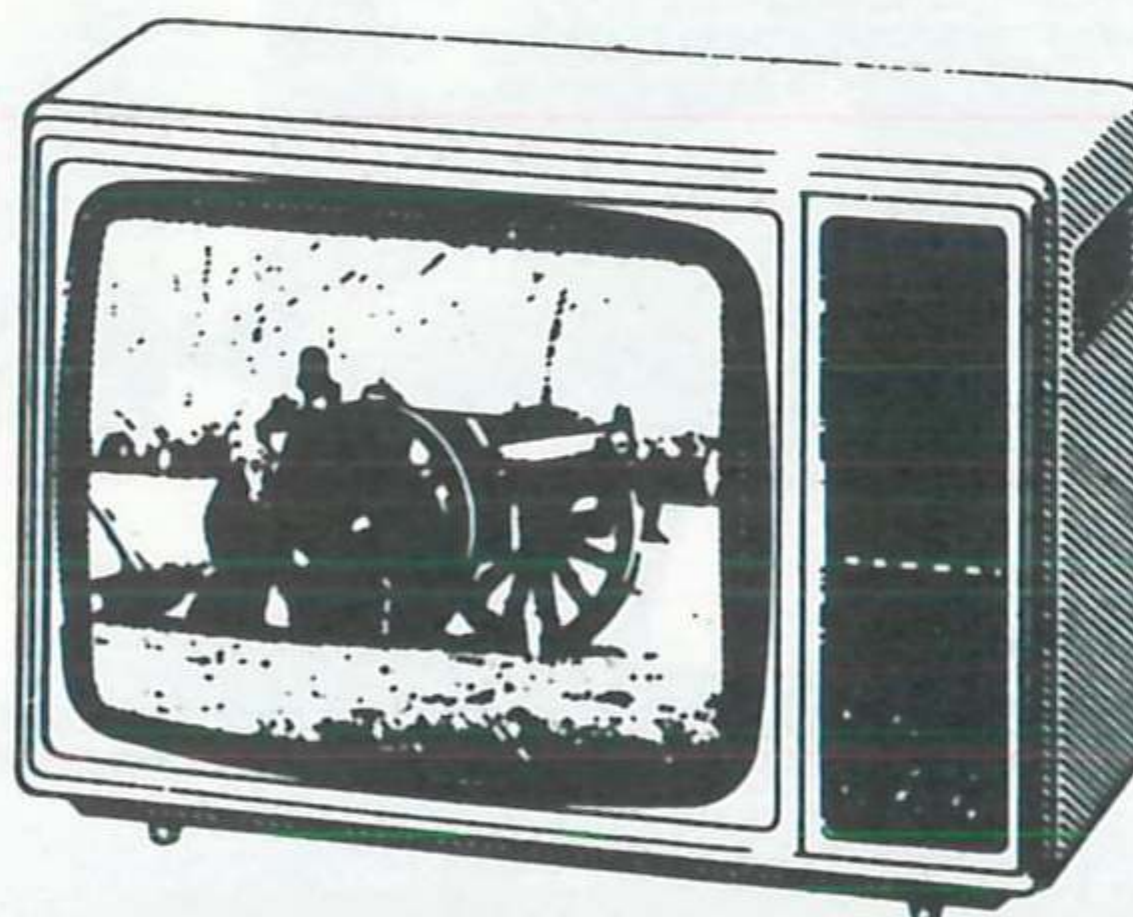
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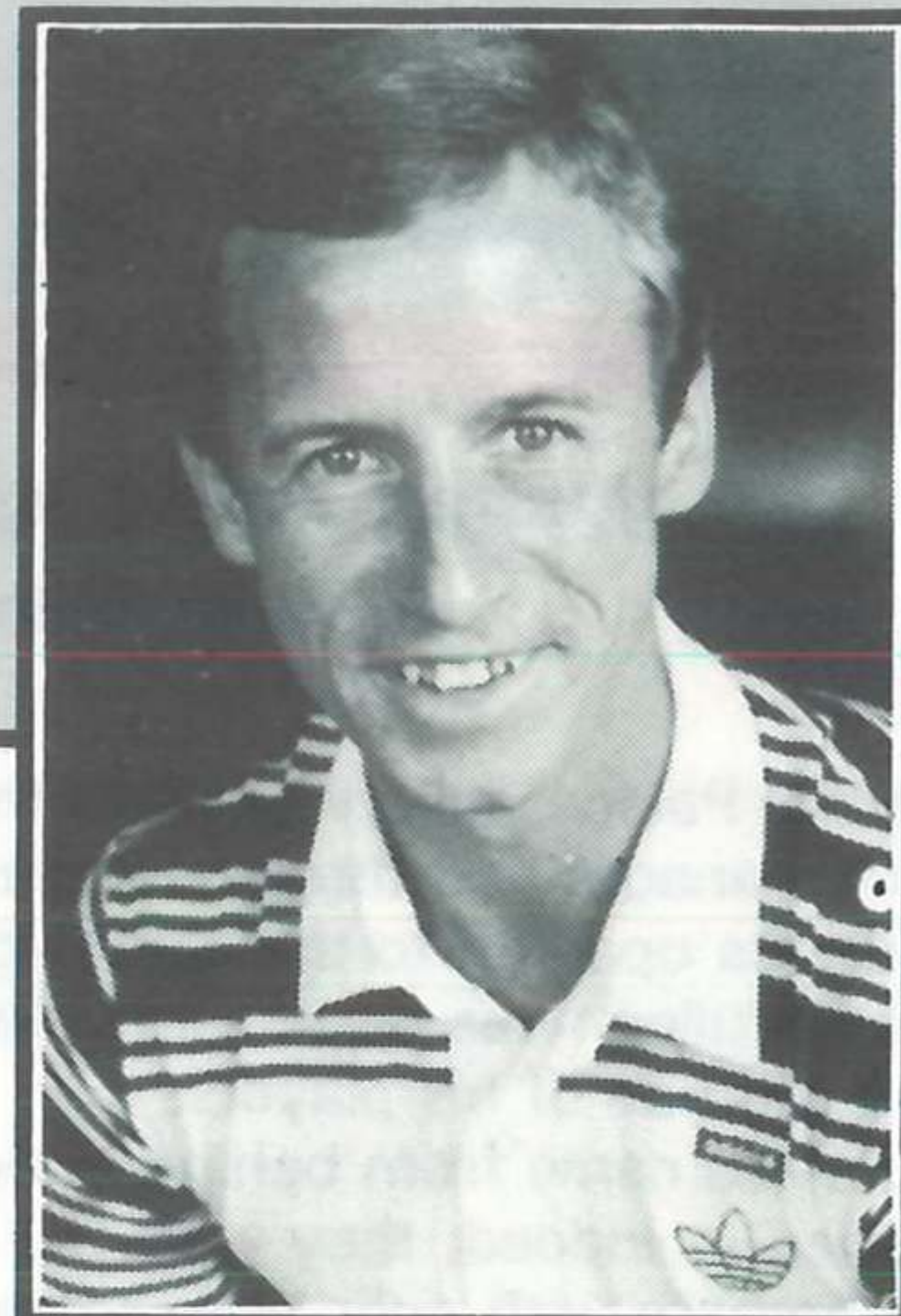
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JOHN MCGOVERN



ON Tuesday night here at Burnden Park, Oldham Athletic reaped the benefit for an honest performance during which players were prepared to run for 90 minutes.

That, I am sorry to say, was something we did not do.

In Tony Henry and Ian Moores we saw two strikers get a goal apiece, regardless of how else they played in the game. So I can have no complaints about them.

But considering we had four experienced players at the back it was embarrassing to see the number of times Oldham managed to create space, create chances and score goals.

I went absolutely berserk at half time because a schoolboy team wouldn't have conceded that second goal. The defence simply rushed out in a line claiming for offside, allowing the opposition to run clear. I can tell you I felt sorry for Jim McDonagh because he is entitled to more protection than that.

The defeat, our fifth in a row in League games, leaves us right at the bottom so I suppose if anybody is talking about a crisis then, yes we have one.

The remedy as far as I am concerned is in the hands of the players and it is quite simple.

All I am asking for is for them to go out and show you, the supporters, the kind of ability they have. You have stuck with us — I think very few people left before the end on Tuesday night even though we were losing — so you deserve better from us.

I'm not asking for the impossible, just to get players to do their best — to put their lot in as I have said before.

Although I have not had many players come in and complain about wages, the bonuses here at this club are very, very good IF the team is winning. So why can't there be the passion necessary from the players to achieve success.

I have had time enough now to look at all the players we have and I'm afraid I simply haven't seen enough consistency. It's a simple fact of life therefore that I will have to change things if we are to survive. If that means

getting a team of fighters together then I will do that. Even if it means digging out another two or three Simon Ridges. I'll do that, even though I know that pushing in too many youngsters into the rigours of Second Division football may not be too good an idea.

These aren't threats to the players. They are simple facts. Bolton Wanderers is a superb club with a superb ground, tremendous people from the directors right through to the groundsman. People who deserve a lot more than we have seen up to now this season.

We cannot continue the way we are going. Without dismissing the results we have already had we must now look to the future beginning, hopefully with a win today against our friends from Crystal Palace to whom we offer a warm welcome.

Beating Alan Mullery's men from London will give us a much-needed boost as we prepare for Tuesday's Milk Cup tie when we are at home to First Division Watford.

Thankfully nobody should need motivating for that one against one of the Football League's most impressive sides. We will start underdogs and that should take any weight of responsibility off our shoulders and being a Cup tie it should present us with the ideal stage on which to express ourselves.

I know fans warm to Cup ties because it gives them something to cherish, something extra to hang on to — despite performances and results in the League.

So let's hope we get off on the right foot against Palace today and get the right result against Watford on Tuesday so that we can go into the second leg at Vicarage Road with a good chance of progressing into the Third Round.



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BIG DEFEAT ENDS PALACE RUN

By Tony Pullein

Crystal Palace, who went into this season with a new manager and three new players, made a cautious opening to the campaign but new boss Alan Mullery was particularly pleased with the spirit and attitude of his players.

Palace came from behind in both their opening games — indeed, they were 0-2 down at Rotherham with only 15 minutes to play — to draw 1-1 at home to Barnsley and 2-2 with the Millers. "It's no good if your players are not prepared to fight for the club," Mr Mullery has always maintained during a highly-successful managerial career with Brighton and Charlton.

Since adopting his new challenge at Selhurst Park in June, he has felt like a new man. "The adrenalin is running again," he said. "Even whilst I was on holiday I was thinking of the new season. I couldn't wait to get back to work."

Palace have gone through some difficult times in recent years, both on and off the field. They were relegated from the First Division in 1981 and went through five managers during the two years prior to this summer. There was also a take-over bid which led to Ron Noades becoming the new chairman.

After all those upheavals the urgent need now is for a period of stability. But Mr Mullery believes this can be fairly quickly achieved and makes no secret of the fact that he is aiming to see Palace back in the First Division.

Palace include a new player in each department — Ian Edwards up front, Henry Hughton in midfield and Gary Williams in the back four.

Edwards is a Welsh international who scored four times in his first full game for his country against Malta in a European championship tie in October 1978. An injury forced him to miss the opening game of the season.

When Edwards was out, Tommy Langley partnered Kevin Mabbutt in the striker's role.

A four-man midfield usually includes Henry Hughton, David Giles, Jerry Murphy and Vince Hilaire but the versatile Steve Lovell, who also plays in defence, has also appeared in the middle of the field.

Gary Williams came into the side at left-back with Paul Hinshelwood on the opposite flank and

Billy Gilbert and Jimmy Cannon in the middle.

Being a defender, Hinshelwood doesn't often get his name among the goalscorers so it was a pleasant surprise for Selhurst fans when he scored four times in their opening matches of this season — twice against Portsmouth, in the Milk Cup, once at Rotherham and again at Carlisle.

Paul Barron is now well established in goal.

Palace remained unbeaten in their opening six League and Cup games but came down with a thump at Carlisle where they lost 1-4 and home striker Malcolm Poskett scored all the goals.

The Crystal Palace club was formed in 1905 and became one of the original members of the Football League Division Three (South) in 1920. They won promotion at the first attempt and enjoyed four seasons as a Second Division club. In 1925 they returned to Third Division football, remaining there until becoming a founder member of Division Four in 1958.

In 1961 they jumped back into Division Three and three years later returned to the Second Division. It was in 1969 that they initially tasted First Division football but, after four seasons of perpetual struggle, Palace lost their First Division status in 1973. Twelve months later they dipped into the Third Division. It took them three years to get themselves back into the Second Division and, during that time, they enjoyed a remarkable run to the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup in 1976.

By 1979 Palace were back in the First Division with a side described as "the team of the decade". For one season it lived up to its billing, playing some delightful football and finishing well up the table.

Things soon began to crumble and in 1981 they slipped back into Division Two again.

CRYSTAL PALACE — PEN-PICTURES

PAUL BARRON (Goalkeeper). Paul opened his League career with Plymouth in 1976/77 and in 1978 he was transferred to Arsenal for £70,000. Kept out of the Gunners' side by Pat Jennings, Paul joined Palace for £400,000 in 1980.

PAUL HINSHELWOOD (Defender). Paul made his League bow for Palace in 1973/74 and he has been their right-back for the past six years. He is a former England under-21 cap.

BILLY GILBERT (Defender). Billy won his 11th England under-21 cap against Hungary last season.

Crystal Palace



CRYSTAL PALACE FOOTBALL CLUB 1982/83

Back Row (L to R): Ken Shellito, Henry Hughton, Billy Gilbert, Ian Edwards, Paul Barron, David Fry, Gary Williams, Tommy Langley, Steve Lovell, Brian Bason (now with Reading), Alan Mullery MBE (Manager).

Front Row (L to R): Steve Galliers (now with Wimbledon), Shaun Brooks, Kevin Mabbutt, Jim Cannon, Paul Hinshelwood, Jerry Murphy, David Giles.

Another Palace discovery, he made his League bow in 1977. He is also a former England youth international.

JIMMY CANNON (Defender). Jimmy completed his apprenticeship with Palace, making his League bow in 1973. Once a midfield player, he is now settled in defence and has been capped at Scottish under-21 level.

GARY WILLIAMS (Defender). Gary joined Palace from Brighton this summer. He began his career with Preston and moved on to Brighton in 1977.

STEVE LOVELL (Defender/Midfield). Steve began his League bow whilst on loan with Stockport in 1979/80. He returned to Selhurst Park to win a first-team spot two season ago and he won his first Welsh cap in the USSR game last November.

HENRY HUGHTON (Midfield). Henry developed in Orient's junior sides, winning an immediate place after his 1978 debut. When they were relegated at the end of last season, Henry was released and moved on to Palace.

DAVID GILES (Midfield). David was signed from Swansea, in exchange for Ian Walsh, towards the end of last season. Capped nine times by Wales, David previously played for Cardiff and Wrexham.

VINCE HILAIRE (Midfield). Vince made his bow in the Palace side in 1977 and has now played for England at youth, under-21 and "B" levels.

JERRY MURPHY (Midfield). Jerry worked his way into first-team reckoning in 1977 and has been a permanent member of their midfield for the past four seasons. He has been capped by the Republic of Ireland on three occasions.

KEVIN MABBUTT (Forward). Kevin signed from Bristol City last season in a deal that cost Palace £100,000 in cash plus defender Terry Boyle. A former England youth international, Kevin made his League debut for the Bristol club in their First Division days of 1977/78.

IAN EDWARDS (Forward). Ian, a Welsh international, was signed from Wrexham this summer. He began with W.B.A. but moved on to Chester in 1977. Wrexham signed him for £125,000 in 1979/80.

TOMMY LANGLEY (Forward). Tommy began his career with Chelsea and, after twice topping their goals' list, he was transferred to Q.P.R. in 1980. He moved on to Palace for £200,000 towards the end of 1980/81. Tommy is an England under-21 international.

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CLUB NEWS

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS By Simon Marland

Today's meeting with the "Eagles" will be the 19th football league game between the clubs. All of these have taken place in the second division with the exception of two games played in the first division in season 1979-80.

To date Palace have a slightly better record having won 6 games to the Wanderers 5, although they have never won a league game at Burnden and in fact have only scored five times in the process.

Bolton's best victory over Palace is by 3-0 which came in earlier meetings between the sides. In seasons 1964-65 in our first league meeting, which was at Burnden, 1965-66 again at Burnden and in 1967-68 which is the only Wanderers victory at Selhurst Park to date. Gordon Taylor and Terry Wharton with a double being on the scoresheet. Wharton was to join Palace four years later.

Palace's best victory came in a 3-1 win at Selhurst Park in March 1980. Paul Jones scoring for the Wanderers with Billy Gilbert, Vince Hilaire and Jerry Murphy on the mark for Palace.

Last season's game at Burnden resulted in a goalless draw with the game in London being won by the only goal by Palace with Paul Jones putting through his own goal. Wayne Foster made his full league debut in this game for the Wanderers.

Palace also have the edge in cup ties, winning a two legged second round League Cup tie in 1980 by an aggregate score of 5-1 and an FA Cup fourth round tie last season from a hotly disputed penalty.

15 years ago — 30th September, 1967. The Wanderers came back to earth with a resounding bump after the midweek victory over Liverpool by losing 2-1 at home to Blackpool in a second division game. This meant they had now gone five league games without a win.

Dennis Butler replaced the departed Francis Lee in the number seven shirt for his first league appearance of the season. Ronnie Phillips also made his first appearance of the season replacing the injured Gordon Taylor on the wing.

Phillips scored Wanderers' goal in front of 16,542 spectators. Wanderers manager Bill Ridding was now on the look out for new players with money available from the sale of Lee.

10 years ago — 30th September, 1972. Bolton visited The Shay home of lowly Halifax Town for a third division fixture and after leading at the interval had to be content with a 1-1 draw.

Peter Nicholson returned to the side in place of Ralph Wright in midfield. Paul Jones gave the Wanderers the lead to register his first league goal of the season.

Halifax equalised through Robertson and Roy Greaves and John Ritson were booked.

None of the other teams slipped up and so the Wanderers slipped to fourth position in the league table, Walsall holding top position.

5 years ago — 1st October, 1977. The Wanderers dropped their first home point of the season to Stoke City when the visitors earned a 1-1 draw.

Frank Worthington had been signed three days earlier on a month's loan from Leicester City with a view to making the move permanent. Ian Greaves needing to strengthen his striking force was hoping he would be the answer.

Worthington replaced Garry Jones and started to repay his manager's faith by scoring the Wanderers goal. This came two minutes after Stoke had taken the lead through Howard Kendall.

Unfortunately the game was marred by trouble in a crowd of 20,799.

Brighton took over the leadership of the division with the Wanderers slipping to third which was to be their lowest position of the season.

RESERVE REPORT

Wanderers reserves won their opening central game for the first time since season 1976/77 by defeating Preston North End 5-3 at Deepdale.

Preston, who included former Bolton player Alan Gowling in their defence, had the better of the early exchanges. They eventually took the lead through Hunter only for Wayne Foster to equalise minutes later after a corner kick.

Preston took a half time lead when Alex Bruce slotted the ball past the stranded Simon Farnworth.

The second half was a different story with the Wanderers forwards taking the initiative and running at the Preston defence. Goals from Simon Rudge, who ran half the length of the field to slot the ball home, and Wayne Foster gave the Wanderers the lead.

Preston fought back to equalise but further goals from Vernon Allatt, who brilliantly controlled the ball before smashing it home, and Steve Thompson who shot home from ten yards after a good run from Foster were enough to win this entertaining game.

Team: Farnworth, Redfearn, Deakin, Joyce, McElhinney, Booth, S. Thompson, Hoggan, Foster, Allatt, Rudge. Sub. Phillips for Foster.

JUNIOR WHITES NEWS

Today's mascot is Robert Dennard who is eleven years old. He attends Cleveland School on Chorley New Road and is a keen Wanderers supporter not having missed a home game for 3 years.

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Along with coaches Walter Joyce and Charlie Wright plus one or two of the players, John will be offering the youngsters the opportunity of expert coaching sessions twice a week at the British Aerospace grounds at Horwich.

The sessions which would each last two hours, are expected to begin in a week or so and any unemployed lads aged between 16 and 18 who are interested should contact Mr

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KICK-OFF TIME

Those fans intending to travel to Watford for the away leg of our second round Milk Cup tie should note that the kick-off time at Vicarage Road is 7.45 p.m. — that's on Tuesday, October 26th.

YOUTH CUP DATE

The Youth team has been drawn at home to Manchester City in the second round of the Lancashire Youth Cup which will be played here at Burnden Park on Wednesday, October 27, kick-off 7 p.m.

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PETER SHILTON

The Football League have tried desperately hard this season to make League soccer a top rate entertainment. The new interpretation of the laws was specifically designed to increase the skill factor and keep the game moving and in all honesty it must be declared that to some extent the experiment has worked.

The clamp down on the 'professional foul' probably needs tidying up a little but in general referees have adapted well to the more liberal rulings concerning offside with the result that games are allowed to flow and develop into goalmouth incidents, which is what it is all about.

The stricter enforcement of the rules at throw-ins has also made a vast improvement. Players no longer hold on to the ball so that they can steal another few yards, so the ball is thrown in quickly without fuss and this maintains the continuity.

However, there is one area which I feel has detracted from the spectacle and that is the interpretation of the laws relating to goalkeepers. The idea behind the thinking was to eliminate time wasting by 'keepers, but the rigid four step rule and the fact that they cannot roll the ball or kick it and pick it up again without another player touching it first has diminished the skill factor in the game.

Our goalkeepers have simply become automatons, picking up the ball and kicking it as far as possible down the other end of the field. It is almost as if they are afraid to handle it and the nervous uncomfortable feeling is evident from Rochdale to Liverpool.

It is a pity because it had taken decades for English goalkeepers to establish the habit of throwing to outfield players instead of thumping long high balls upfield, which the majority of the time are swallowed up by beefy defenders.

If football is to become a better form of entertainment then accuracy rather than lottery is the name of the game. One of the outstanding qualities of goalkeepers like Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence is their ability to assess situations and start dangerous counter attacks by decisive distribution. Shilts and Clem have engineered many a goal through their quick wittedness and accurate execution, but there is a danger that the new system will smother this art.

England number one Peter Shilton patted his head with disbelief when he was pulled up for taking more than four steps earlier this season at Carrow Road. "I couldn't believe that I had stepped over the mark," said the man who is as professional as they come.

"The new rule is not a good one," explained Shilton. "It prevents a goalkeeper making a good distribution of the ball. You can't throw a ball comfortably if you are only two yards off your own touchline, it is impossible.

"A goalkeeper like an outfield player needs space. If you can run out quickly and throw the ball accurately to a player out on the wing then you are being constructive and that must be better for the game."

GIVE 'KEEPERS' BACK THEIR FREEDOM



RAY CLEMENCE

BRADLEY'S BRIEF

Ray Bradley of the
'Sunday Express'
writes for you



Watford and Luton have brought a breath of fresh air to the stifling First Division front at a time when the troops are still tripping over the ball and managers trip over their tongue as they evoke a florid language on the shape of things to come.

Watford's success has been built on a simple formula — two enterprising wingers and an old-fashioned strike force that bear down on goal like hungry predators every time the ball is pumped into the opposing area.

Southampton have already felt their sting and their bold attacking formation will strike fear into the hearts of many more teams before the season is out.

Luton's commitment to entertain is encapsulated in the words of manager David Pleat who pledged: "Our aim is to finish the season winning a lot of friends. I want my players to feel pride in their performances against the best teams in the country."

A laudable ambition that I hope will not be strangled if things go wrong as they have at Villa and Arsenal.

I can understand the anxiety at Highbury. They have invested £2 million in strikers Tony Woodcock and Lee Chapman to appease the wrath of supporters and have been scantily rewarded for their enterprise.

Last season they were described as boring and defensive, yet their collective efficiency reaped rich rewards in terms of successful results.

Now, after a struggling start to a new campaign, there must be doubts about their ability to draw the customers so desperately needed at Highbury.

Coach Don Howe, one of the most articulate in the business, must now wrestle with the problem of getting the Gunners back on the right trail again.

Arsenal and manager Terry Neill are lucky to have such a pillar to lean on in times of trouble. Howe is a man whose commitment to the game is total.

He emerged as the strong man of England as chief lieutenant under Ron Greenwood and there has never been any doubts about his ability to motivate at Highbury.

Before the season started he confessed after a training session at London Colney that Arsenal were now better equipped to challenge for honours this term than at any time in this his second spell with the Gunners.

He is a man who believes in being positive even if that seems to conflict with the negative tactics Arsenal have often used to achieve results in the past. But Howe is a realist who recognises that a team is only as good as the players it depends on to achieve success.

Reflecting on last season he said simply: "We achieved as much as we possibly could with the players at our disposal.

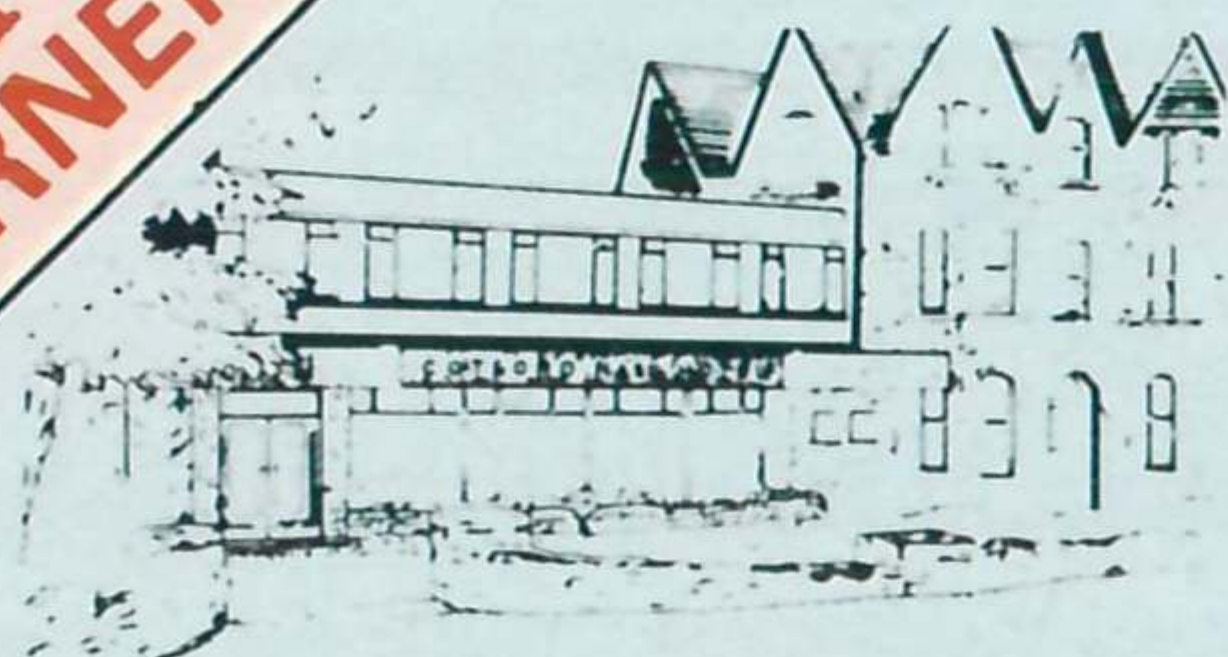
"In the end everything is down to the players. If they respond and show the right competitive spirit you have a good chance of being successful.



DON HOWE

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"Even when I go out shopping with my wife I will usually end up around the bookstall — looking for any new books on soccer, athletics, training methods or anything that covers sport.

"When I drive back to Wolverhampton from London Colney I re-run the day's training in my mind; go over the problems that a coach is frequently confronted with on a variety of issues.

"You never stop learning in this game. A coach must search every avenue to improve his knowledge. You will find that all the best ones — like Dave Sexton — are introverts. They are deep thinkers who have an insatiable appetite for more knowledge.

Being with England has only intensified my ambition to be successful. The World Cup in Spain was a wonderful experience. It really stimulated me because every game was a new battle of wits; every match a new challenge.

"I was fascinated by the French side. They were so fluid in midfield with players like Giresse, Platini and Tigana. Not even Brazil could equal their fluidity of movement in this department.

"I wanted to know how the French think about this vital area of the field. I want to know how the West Germans are always so tight at the back, so organised and so disciplined.

"I want to try and understand their utter belief in man-to-man marking.

"Brazil? Well how can anyone play like them? Their skills and touch play is supreme. They look brilliant even when they are standing still. They are compulsive viewing for any coach."

The thoughts of Howe — if you



DAVID PLEAT

will pardon the pun — are fascinating listening for any reporter. They encompass a whole range of philosophy on sport and life.

But, alas, all too often their beautiful theories are slayed by ugly facts. Their success is always determined by results. Too often the players they are appealing to fail to respond positively or are suffering from mental malnutrition.

Coaches strive for new techniques that only serve to expose serious flaws. Their thoughts leave little room for improvisation in a game that is still dominated by collective commitment.

You can't sell dogma to those who refuse to digest. As the legendary Bill Shankly used to say: "Coaching is for the kids. All good professionals need is coaxing and if they don't respond you have to get rid of them."

In the end all their theories have to be put to the test. And

frequently will dominates skill in the League jungle.

Johan Cruyff, the Dutch midfield maestro, once pin-pointed the difference between English and Continental philosophy at Portman Road after his team had suffered a humiliating UEFA Cup defeat.

Barcelona had been well beaten by an Ipswich side full of spirit and invention. Cruyff was lavish in his praise of Ipswich, but laconically added: "We will still win the replay in Barcelona.

"We have learned a lot about Ipswich tonight. We gave Muhren too much room. We underestimated Wark and Gates. But it will be so different in the return game.

"When you play in front of 65,000 fans you have to earn your money . . . yes? We shall win and we will do it in style, because we cannot afford to lose or we will be out of Europe."

Barcelona duly won to prove his point. And Ipswich were left to ponder on what went wrong.

ALAN'S STILL



ON THE BALL

In the words of that popular pop song of the early sixties; "Like a rubber ball he keeps bouncing back." The rubber ball in question is none other than Alan Ball, the phenomenal little dynamo who is still the inspiration behind Lawrie McMenemy's re-building plans at First Division Southampton.

When the Saints crashed 6-0 at White Hart Lane in September, it was to the diminutive little midfield general that Southampton's young starlets looked for guidance and inspiration, and 'Bally' was not slow to respond.

For a player who has been around as long as Alan and has sampled the very very sweet taste of success it is hard to come to terms with mediocrity. Now at the Dell he finds himself caught in the web of uncertainty as McMenemy's team, which was developing so interestingly, was ripped apart last summer when certain key players got on their bikes.

"Obviously it is a frustrating experience," exclaims Ball, "but it is no good looking at the past. What has happened has happened, it is no good sitting and moping about it.

"It takes a lot away from you, it has certainly taken a lot away from me. But we have a lot of kids here who need help and encouragement and need to be taught, and that is what I will do for as long as I can.

"We were not too despondent after that game at Tottenham. Every team gets thrashed occasionally. It has happened to Liverpool, and Aston Villa. It is what you do in the next game that is vitally important.

"The gaffer and I have discussed the problems and we know what we have to do."

The fact that Ball himself is instrumental in what happens on the pitch to Southampton speaks for itself. The tenacious spirit that was such a telling factor in England's famous World Cup Final triumph over West Germany in 1966, is still there in abundance, but how at the age of 37 does he keep it up?

"It's just my love of the game that keeps me going," is Ball's instant response, and yet there is far more to his game than just passion and verve. Surely, Alan must be able to account for his seemingly timeless career by confiding that he has undertaken special fitness exercises, or lived on an exclusive vitamin packed diet?

But no! Alan's secret is that he "enjoys life" to the full. "I enjoy my racing, I enjoy having a drink with friends, I am not a saint (if you will excuse the pun) by any means," he says. "But I work hard at

the right times and enjoy myself at the right times. There is no secret and if you are looking for what drives me on then it is just simply my fanatical love for playing the game."

"I love challenges and I love playing and I know that it will all come to an end. I know that and I try to stave off the fateful day for as long as I can."

Alan started his career at Blackpool, the team which lived on the exploits of one of his most famous peers, Stanley Mathews. The 'Wizard of the dribble' eventually ended up at Stoke City where he played in the League side at the ripe old age of 50, but Ball has no designs on emulating the legend.

"No," he says, "I would not like to go on like him you know, playing just a few odd games a season.

"The hardest part for me at the moment is being patient with myself and the team. After all the things that have happened to me and all the successes I have had and the great teams I have played in, it is now a matter of remaining patient and trying to come to terms with the fact that I can't do the things that I used to be able to do.

"I also have to accept that the players around me at Southampton are not equipped to do the things that some of the great players that I have played with in the past were capable of, so that is hard.

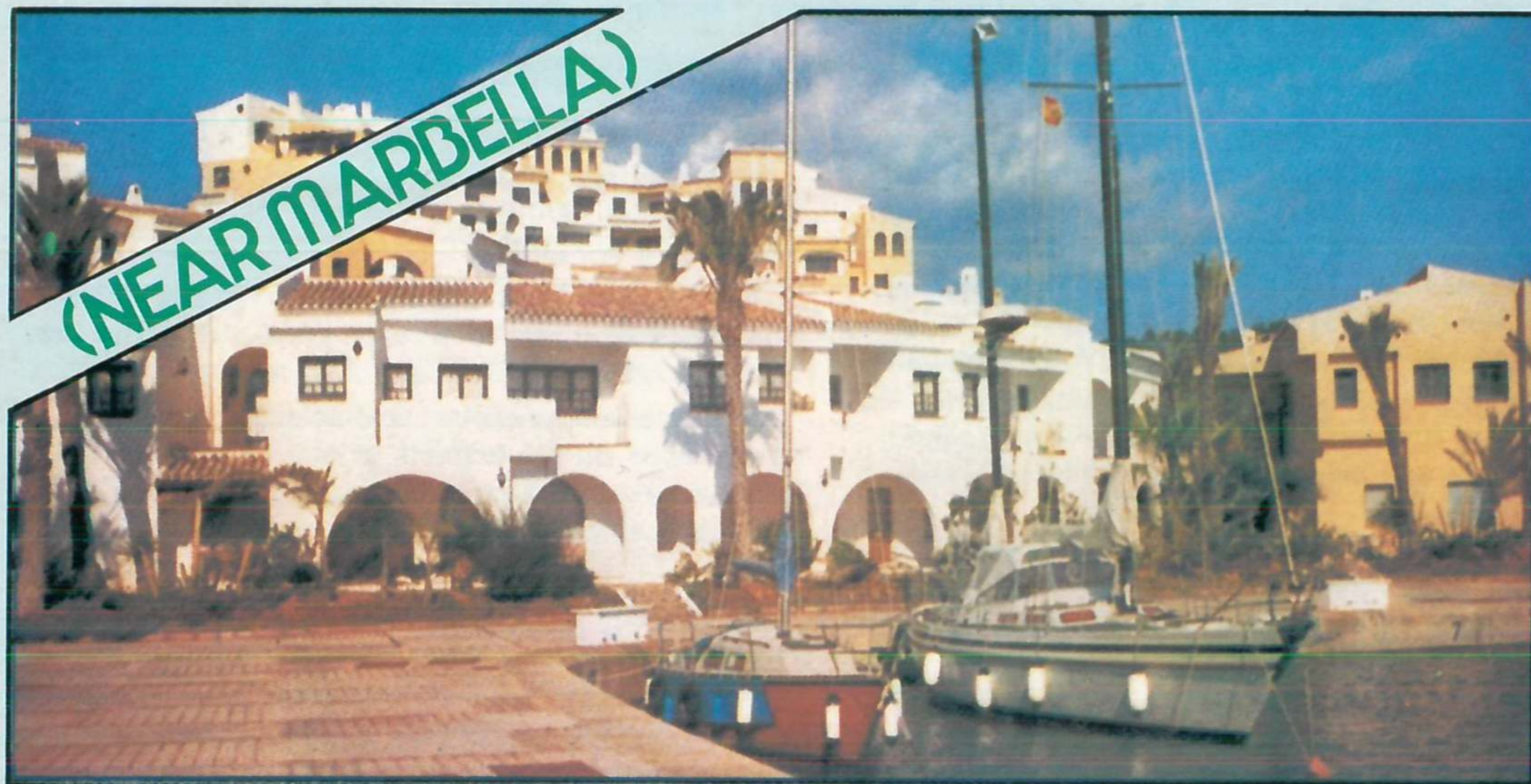
"But I haven't lost any of my skill, just the ability to carry it out as quickly as before. My reactions are not so sharp and the muscles do not respond so willingly. Situations develop in a game which tempt you to try certain things that you used to do, it is an instinctive urge and one I have to fight to curb. I have to accept that the legs are getting older.

"It is all a matter of common sense. I have learned to cut the pitch down and conserve my running. I rely more on my head than my legs now."

Alan Ball's career has been incredible. Just two years ago his life at the top seemed finished when after a glorious career spanning League games with Blackpool, Everton, Arsenal and Southampton, he returned to Bloomfield Road as player-manager. "It is the beginning of the rest of my life," was the way he described it at the time. That second life lasted just 10 months and culminated in the sack . . . But Ball's greatest admirer, Lawrie McMenemy, had no second thoughts in welcoming him back with open arms.

Quick tempered and highly emotive as he is, this Saint has surely earned himself recognition as a player of exceptional qualities, and a place in the annals of soccer history.

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The law changes implemented by the Football Association this year and also incorporating FIFA's changes have made the task of referees at all levels of the game considerably harder. The referee now has to try to be on the spot for fouls which might in his opinion result in goals; for throw-ins taken from the wrong spot and for goal keepers taking too many paces with the ball under their control. This will all mean a change in the system of control employed by referees in general which usually follows a diagonal system on a moveable axis in conjunction with the linesmen. As more work is thrust upon the now hard pressed referee he is less likely to be able to keep up a good level of consistency or to cover all the incidents which occur. For that reason an extended trial should firstly be considered, and secondly be implemented of the "two-referee" system. In this system there is one referee in each half of the field as in the game of ice hockey and since each referee would have to cover only 50% of the ground they now patrol it leaves much more time for greater efficiency and control. The system could only be applied in Professional football since there is so great a shortage of referees on junior leagues that there are not enough referees to go round now with one referee, let alone two. Furthermore, in professional soccer it would still be essential to retain the linesmen to perform numerous vital functions.

Although being more costly this suggested system would not be any more administratively difficult to manage and it would certainly give a greater incentive to all those referees who just cannot manage at the moment to get on the Football League during their careers. Too frequently, referees biding their required time believe it is a system of waiting to step into dead men's shoes and many referees give up trying, because they think they will never reach Football League status. The two referee system thus employs more referees and would tend to cut out wastage.

Basically, the system involves the two referees, each with a whistle, having equality of control but only being able to exercise it when the ball enters the half of the field in which they are officiating. As a result of this system anticipating the pattern of play and where it is to develop is obviously easier and the referee can always keep play on one side of him and thus broaden his complete vision, by working near to one of the touch lines, with the linesman covering the opposite side. With good self control each referee learns to refrain from blowing the whistle or interfering with play in the other referee's half of the field especially where advantage is being played. Good refereeing team work can be built up between the referees and with the linesmen who of course still act as touch judges. The only really major problem is where an incident occurs on the halfway line or as the ball crosses it. In those circumstances, the referees have to carefully work out beforehand what is to happen. It would seem the sensible arrangement is for play to be stopped in the case of a foul where the incident occurs which may well be in the half from which the ball has recently travelled. Another alternative is to allow a moment of advantage until the ball has crossed the halfway line to see if indeed there is any real advantage. Either way however, the referee is given a fraction longer to consider the incident very much in the way that a cricket umpire takes his time on deciding on an l.b.w. decision.

Clearly the referees would have to be temperamentally suited to one another otherwise the consistency of punishment might suffer but with the new Football Association and Football League edicts that players shall more readily be sent off where either (a) they are guilty of a cynical foul (sometimes erroneously called a professional foul) or (b) stop or deny an opponent a probable goalscoring opportunity by physical action or handball, the guidelines are so much clearer that there will now be little room for referees to do their "own thing".

Some experiments but of a very limited nature have taken place and Ken Salmon a Football League referee once had to adopt the procedure in an emergency and liked it. Why not therefore give the system an extended trial in one of the minor Leagues, much as offside was only permissible inside a line drawn level with the penalty area, for one season in two or three competitions. In this way the players, spectators, administrators and most of all the referees could try it out, get used to it and if it proved successful, implement it for the good of the game. In a period when our football is going through great change and the Committee headed by Jimmy Hill and Sir Matt Busby almost forced through wholesale changes, this one would be small beer compared to what has just come into force, or what was proposed by that Committee.

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The crux of the disenchantment surrounds a clause in the contract the Football League and the Football Association have with the BBC and ITV, which forbids shirt advertising in televised matches. It is unlikely that, as has been suggested in some quarters, this will result in a TV blackout of our European involvement this season, because the clubs who have entered shirt sponsorship deals have already negotiated on the basis of no TV exposure, but clearly British television's hypocritical stance is now proving rather irksome.

The whole contract involving TV coverage of our domestic game comes up for renewal next year when no doubt this new development will be discussed. It is almost certain that the clubs will insist that any new agreement will give them the right to wear sponsored shirts in front of the cameras in line with the rest of the world.

And yet television's bosses continue to adopt their antiquated attitude towards this issue. John Bromley, the head of ITV Sport says: "There are two principles involved here. What we are guarding against is making a football ground into an advertising fairground. If they have shirt advertising on the front, then they will wear it on their back and then on their shorts. . . . In the end they will be wearing hats with advertising on it, so we have to be careful in that area."

So, Mr. Bromley sees himself as football's moral advisor does he! That is quite ironical, for TV more than any other media has ridden on the back of other people's money for years.

The TV companies can't have it both ways. They get hundreds of hours of very cheap transmission time as a result of screening sport. Snooker, darts, athletics, cricket, bowls, motor racing and horse racing all provide cheap television and yet all these activities are heavily sponsored. Is it not true then that they would not have this cheap form of entertainment were it not for sponsorship!

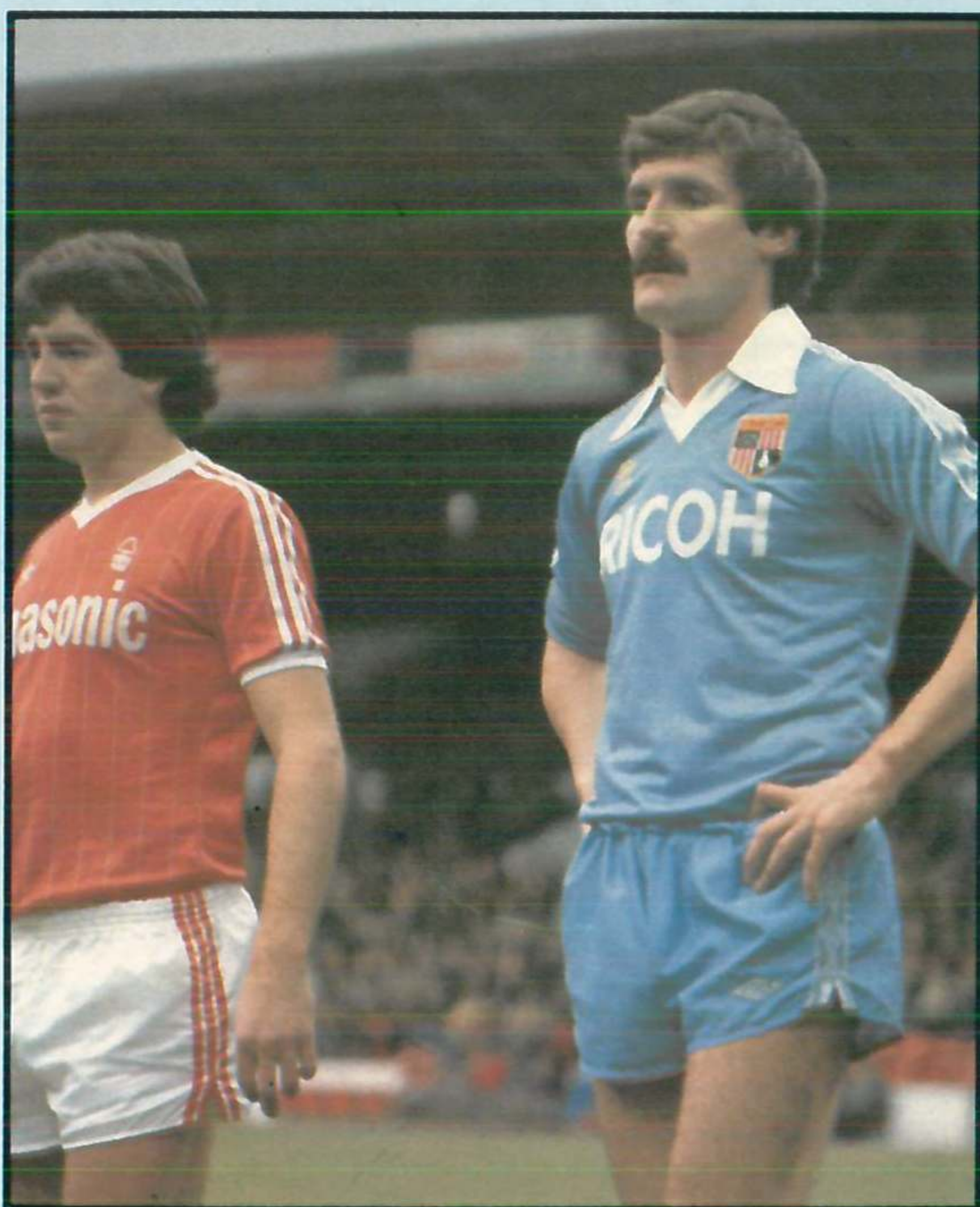
David Rose the secretary of Ipswich Town, who won the UEFA Cup the season before last, claims: "We are just being victimised." Mr. Rose cites athletics as a prime example and says: "They have no objections to showing athletes head on running for the tape with 'British Meat', 'Phillips' or some

other sponsor's name blazoned across their chests."

It is not totally a question of whether sponsorship is more important to football clubs than the fees they receive from TV. Clubs being screened in European games can negotiate quite lucrative terms ranging from £10,000 for an early round tie to up to £50,000 for a semi-final. And then there are always the extras for clips shown on Saturday previews and so on. So it would need quite an enormous sponsorship deal to compensate for that loss.

But that only concerns the few privileged clubs involved in Europe. For the vast majority the concern is the bread and butter competition of the League. Threats from the TV companies that clubs would lose a lot of ground advertising revenue if they forfeited the visits of the cameras is a lot of eye wash. The TV moguls themselves have a lot more to lose than football and they should not remain oblivious to the growing feeling within the game that TV saturation is partly responsible for declining attendances.

When negotiations open this November football should take a stand and tell Mr. Bromley and his colleagues to stuff their morals up their shirts.



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Birmingham	3-0	0-4
Blackburn	1-1	2-0
Bristol City	1-0	1-1
Cardiff	0-2	0-1
Carlisle	0-3	0-1
Charlton	4-0	1-4
Hull	0-0	0-1
Leicester	0-3	0-1
Luton	4-2	0-2
Middlesbrough	0-3	0-1
Millwall	1-1	0-2
Norwich	0-1	1-2
Orient	0-1	1-3
Oxford	0-2	1-1
Portsmouth	1-1	0-4
Q.P.R.	2-2	0-4
Sheffield United	2-1	2-2
Sheffield Wednesday	2-1	1-1
Sunderland	1-3	1-4
Swindon	0-3	1-3
Watford	0-1	1-1

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Rd. 3 — York (a) 0-2

LEAGUE CUP

Rd. 2 — Blackburn (h) 1-0

Rd. 3 — Leicester (h) 1-1

(a) 0-1

LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Boswell, A.	29	Byrom, J.	22(1)
Clarke	13	Duffy, C	2
Farrimond, S	18	Fletcher, P.	20(1)
Greaves, R.	33	Hallows, P	10(1)
Hulme, J.	37	Hurley, C	14(1)
Hunt, R.	22(2)	Jones, G.	22
Jones, P.	4	McAllister, D.	24
Manning, J.	11(1)	Marsh, A.	5
Phillips, R.	20(4)	Redfern, J.	13(2)
Rimmer, W.	27(1)	Ritson, J.	32
Seddon, E.	17(2)	Taylor, G.	20(1)
Waldron, A.	14(3)	Wharton, T.	9(1)
Williams, G.	24		

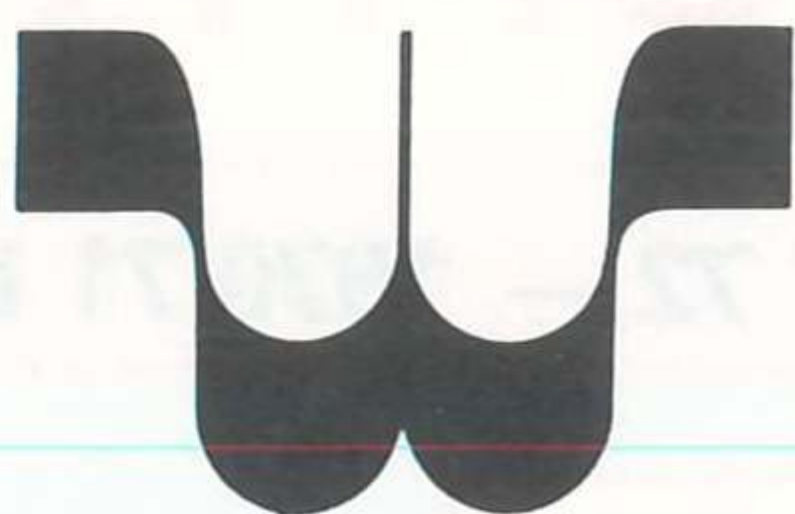
LEAGUE GOALSCORERS:

Hunt	8	Wharton	4
Byrom	3	Fletcher	3
Greaves	2	Jones, G	2
Manning	2	Taylor	2
Williams	2	Hulme	1
Phillips	1	Redfern	1
Ritson	1	Seddon	1
Waldron	1	opponent	1

FINAL TABLE (Season 1970/71)

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester City	42	23	13	6	57	30	59
Sheffield Utd	42	21	14	7	73	39	56
Cardiff City	42	20	13	9	64	41	53
Carlisle United	42	20	13	9	65	43	53
Hull City	42	19	13	10	54	41	51
Luton Town	42	18	13	11	62	43	49
Middlesbrough	42	17	14	11	60	43	48
Millwall	42	19	9	14	59	42	47
Birmingham C	42	17	12	13	58	48	46
Norwich City	42	15	14	13	54	52	44
Q.P.R.	42	16	11	15	58	53	43
Swindon Town	42	15	12	15	61	51	42
Sunderland	42	15	12	15	52	54	42
Oxford United	42	14	14	14	41	48	42
Sheffield Wed	42	12	12	18	51	69	36
Portsmouth	42	10	14	18	46	61	34
Orient	42	9	16	17	29	51	34
Watford	42	10	13	19	38	60	33
Bristol City	42	10	11	21	46	64	31
Charlton Ath	42	8	14	20	41	65	30
Blackburn Rvrs	42	6	15	21	37	69	27
Bolton W	42	7	10	25	35	74	24

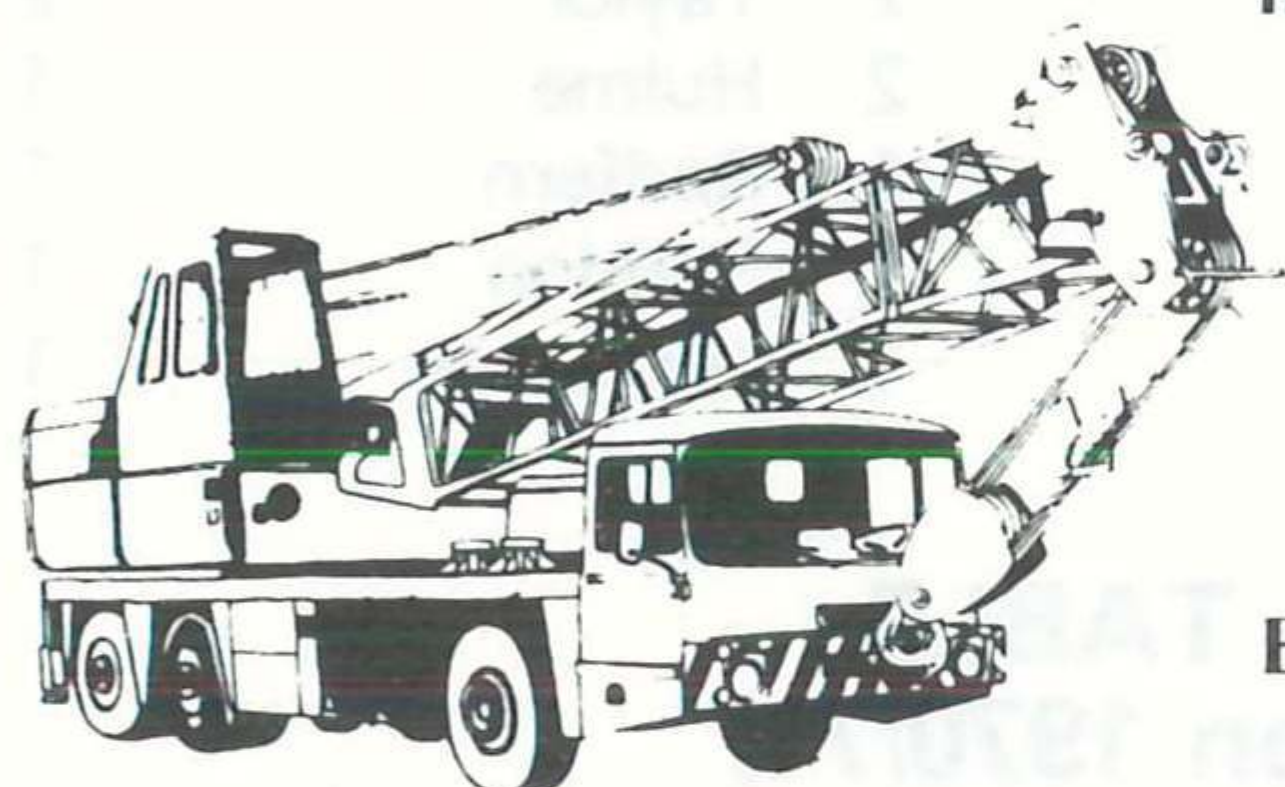
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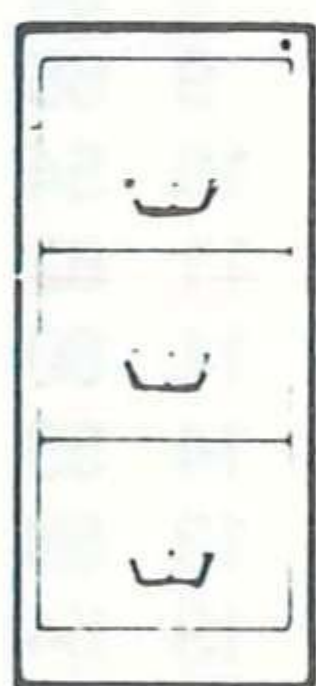
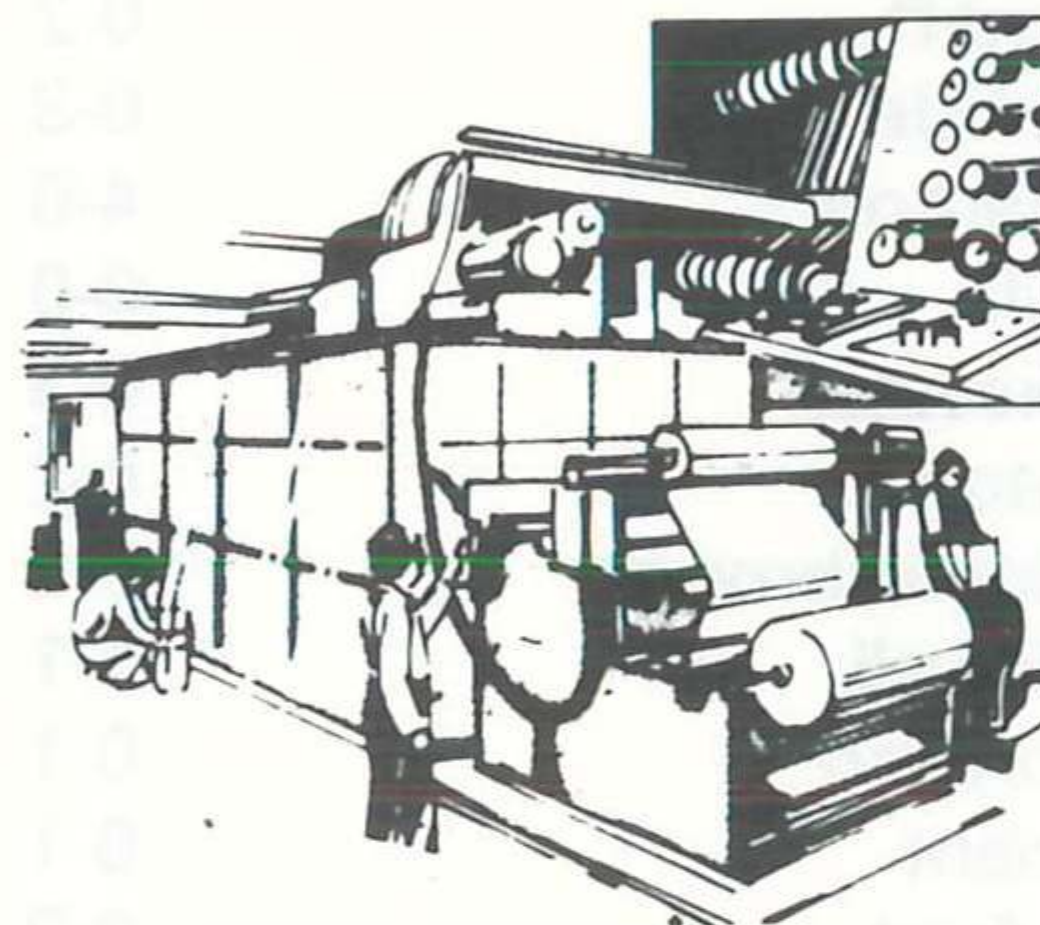
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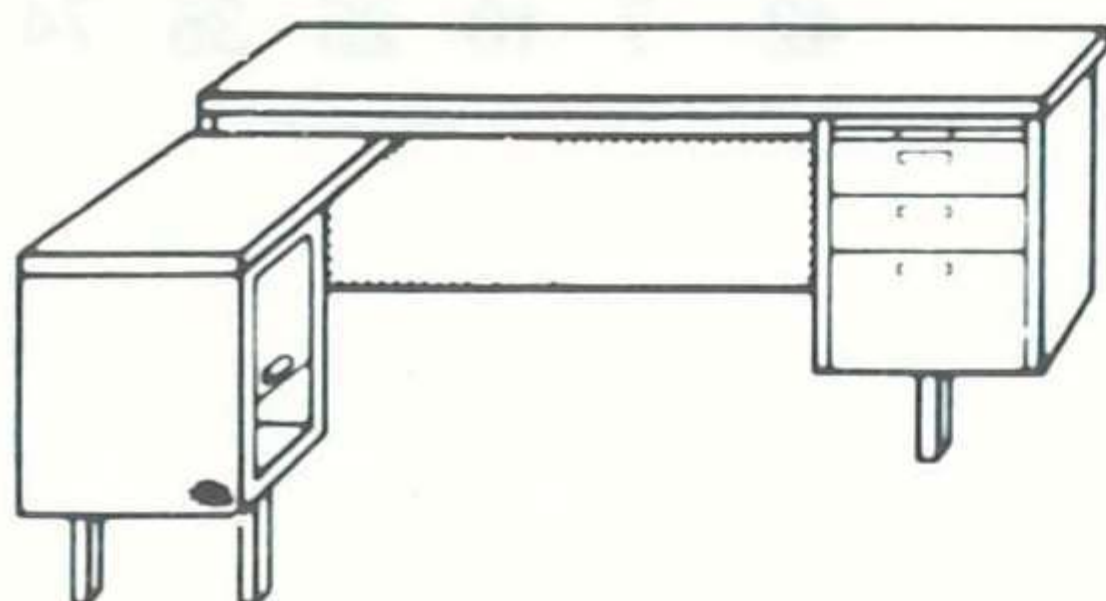
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Ian Moores' goal, Bolton v Oldham
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1982	Opponents	Score	Att	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug	28 Burnley	0-0	10,607	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones ●	Doyle	Chandler	Henry	Moore	Reid ●	Hoggan	Berry
Sept	31 Carlisle United (MC.1)	3-3	4,314	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones ●	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry	Moore(1)	Reid	Hoggan(1)	Berry
	4 Newcastle United	3-1	17,738	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry(2)	Moore	Reid(1)	Hoggan	Berry
	7 Sheffield Wednesday	1-3	17,307	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry(1)	Moore	Reid	Hoggan	Berry
Oct	11 Fulham	0-4	5,688	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney ●	Chandler	Henry	Moore	Reid	Berry	Hoggan
	14 Carlisle United (MC.2)	4-0	4,039	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry(2)	Moore(1)	Reid	Berry	Hoggan
	18 Wolverhampton W.	0-1	9,264	McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern ●	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry	Moore	Reid	Berry	Rudge
Nov	25 Grimsby Town														
Dec	28 Oldham Athletic														
	2 Crystal Palace														
	9 Rotherham United														
Jan	16 Middlesbrough														
	23 Barnsley														
	30 Queens Park Rangers														
Feb	6 Shrewsbury Town														
	20 Blackburn R.														
	27 Leicester City														
Mar	4 Cambridge United														
	11 Charlton Athletic														
	18 Chelsea														
Apr	27 Carlisle United														
	28 Leeds United														
	1 Blackburn Rovers														
May	3 Newcastle United														
	8 FA Cup 3														
	15 Burnley														
Jun	22 Oldham Athletic														
	29 FA Cup 4														
	5 Fulham														
Jul	12 Crystal Palace														
	19 Rotherham United														
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LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday, 18th September, 1982)

	HOME			AWAY			GOALS		GOALS		Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	F	A	
Wolverhampton W.	6	3	0	0	9	1	1	2	0	0	14
Grimsby Town	5	2	1	0	8	1	1	2	0	2	13
Sheffield Wednesday	5	2	0	1	8	5	2	0	0	4	12
Fulham	5	1	2	0	6	2	2	0	0	5	11
Leeds United	5	1	1	0	2	1	2	1	0	5	11
Queens Park Rangers	6	2	0	1	6	4	1	1	1	2	10
Chelsea	6	1	2	0	3	1	1	1	1	2	9
Rotherham United	6	1	1	1	5	5	0	1	2	3	9
Crystal Palace	5	2	1	1	5	2	1	2	0	4	8
Newcastle United	6	1	2	0	3	2	1	0	1	5	8
Leicester City	6	1	0	2	7	3	1	1	2	5	7
Burnley	5	1	1	1	5	3	1	0	1	4	7
Barnsley	5	1	1	0	4	1	0	2	1	4	6
Carlisle United	5	1	0	1	6	4	1	0	2	10	6
Blackburn Rovers	6	2	0	1	7	4	0	0	3	9	6
Oldham Athletic	5	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	3	5
Cambridge United	6	1	1	1	4	4	0	0	3	7	4
Bolton Wanderers	5	1	0	1	3	2	0	1	2	1	4
Derby County	5	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	2	6	4
Shrewsbury Town	5	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	3	5	3
Charlton Athletic	5	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	2	4	3
Middlesbrough	5	0	0	2	2	8	0	2	1	3	2

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(Up to and including 25th September, 1982)

Team	Best Attendance	Average Attendance	Leading Goalscorer
Barnsley	11,938 v Burnley	11,924	Parker, Glavin 2
Blackburn R.	14,421 v Newcastle	7,982	Garner 5
Bolton W	17,707 v Newcastle	13,486	Henry 3
Burnley	10,527 v Bolton	8,427	Hamilton 4
Cambridge U.	8,124 v Chelsea	4,413	Reilly 4
Carlisle U	4,683 v Grimsby	4,537	Poskett 6
Charlton Ath	8,327 v Sheffield W	6,344	Walker 2
Chelsea	14,192 v Wolves	12,861	Lee, Speedie 2
Crystal Palace	7,689 v Middlesbrough	7,336	Mabbutt 5
Derby County	11,206 v Carlisle	9,673	Dalziel 2
Fulham	15,004 v Q.P.R	10,128	Davies 5
Grimsby T	16,137 v Leeds	9,722	Kilmore, Drinkell 4
Leeds U	16,889 v Derby Co	16,676	Worthington 3
Leicester C	12,963 v Leeds	10,772	Linekar 5
Middlesbrough	8,074 v Burnley	7,260	Shearer 3
Newcastle U	36,185 v Q.P.R	29,430	Keegan 3
Oldham	4,261 v Rotherham	3,866	Palmer 3
Q.P.R.	13,733 v Sheffield W.	11,212	Stainrod 3
Rotherham	9,254 v Leicester	7,632	Fern 4
Sheffield W	29,050 v Leeds	20,948	Pearson 5
Shrewsbury	7,907 v Newcastle	5,716	Bates 2
Wolves	16,377 v Rotherham	15,028	Eves 4

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Ayresome Park is on your right just off the A172 as you are approaching the town centre.

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Goals

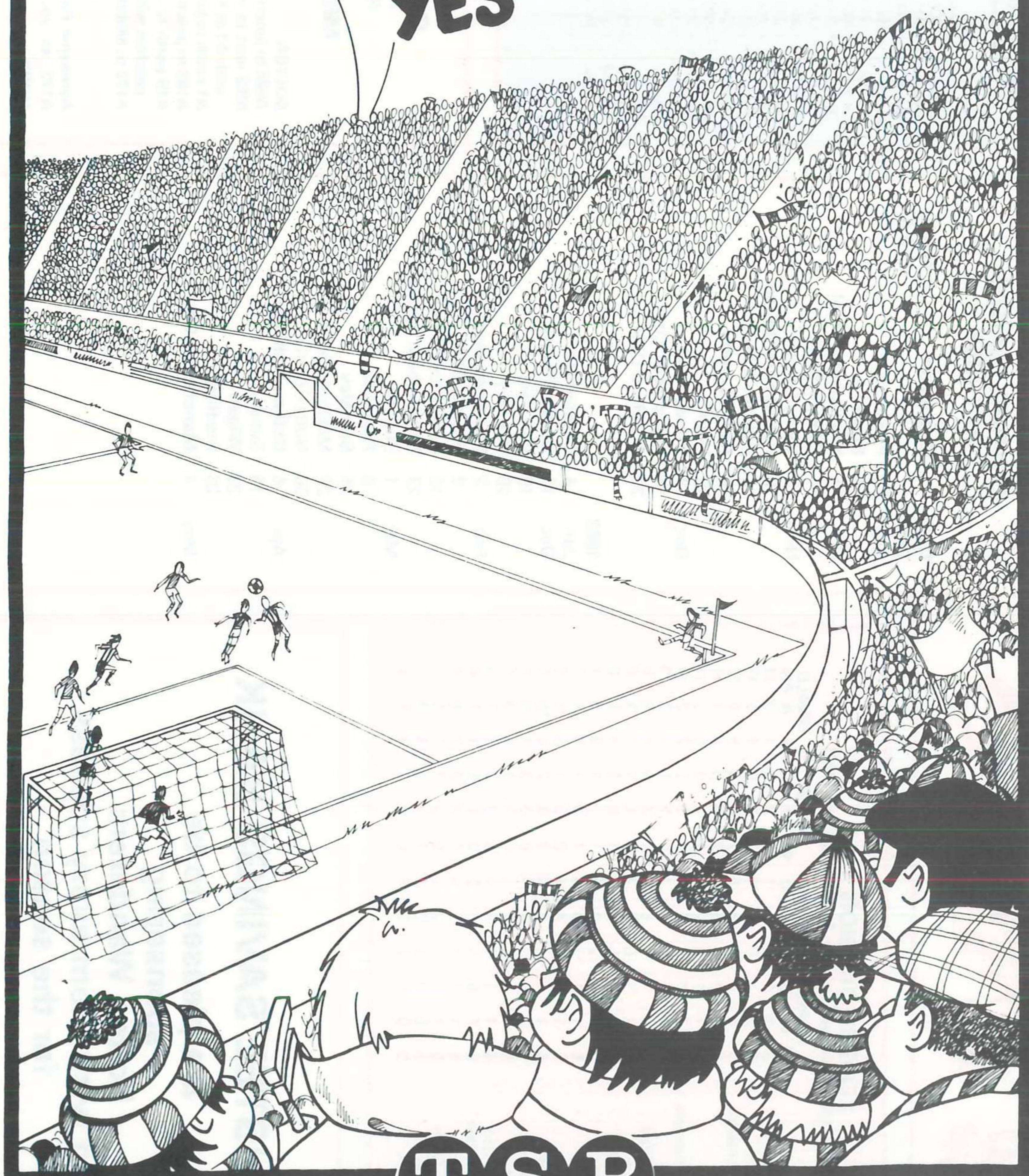
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Date	Opponents	Goals
1982		
Sep	22 Preston N.E.	
	29 Burnley	
Oct	13 Nottingham Forest	
	20 Chesterfield	
Nove	2 Derby County	
	10 Rotherham United	
	16 Oldham Athletic	
	24 Notts County	
	30 Wigan	
Dec	8 Sunderland	
	14 Manchester City	
	20 Bradford City	
1983		
Jan	4 Chesterfield	
Dec	12 Derby County	
	19 Port Vale	
	26 Barnsley	
Feb	2 Middlesbrough	
	9 Preston N.E.	
	15 Rotherham United	
	23 Nottingham Forest	
Mar	1 Burnley	
	9 Port Vale	
	16 Barnsley	
	22 Middlesbrough	
	30 Notts County	
Apr	6 Oldham Athletic	
	13 Sunderland	
	20 Wigan	
	26 Bradford City	
May	4 Manchester City	

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Puzzle Page??

MIXED DOUBLES No. 5

Re-order the letters in each of the words.

SINNED and SERE

To find the names of
TWO MEN CALLED "MARK"

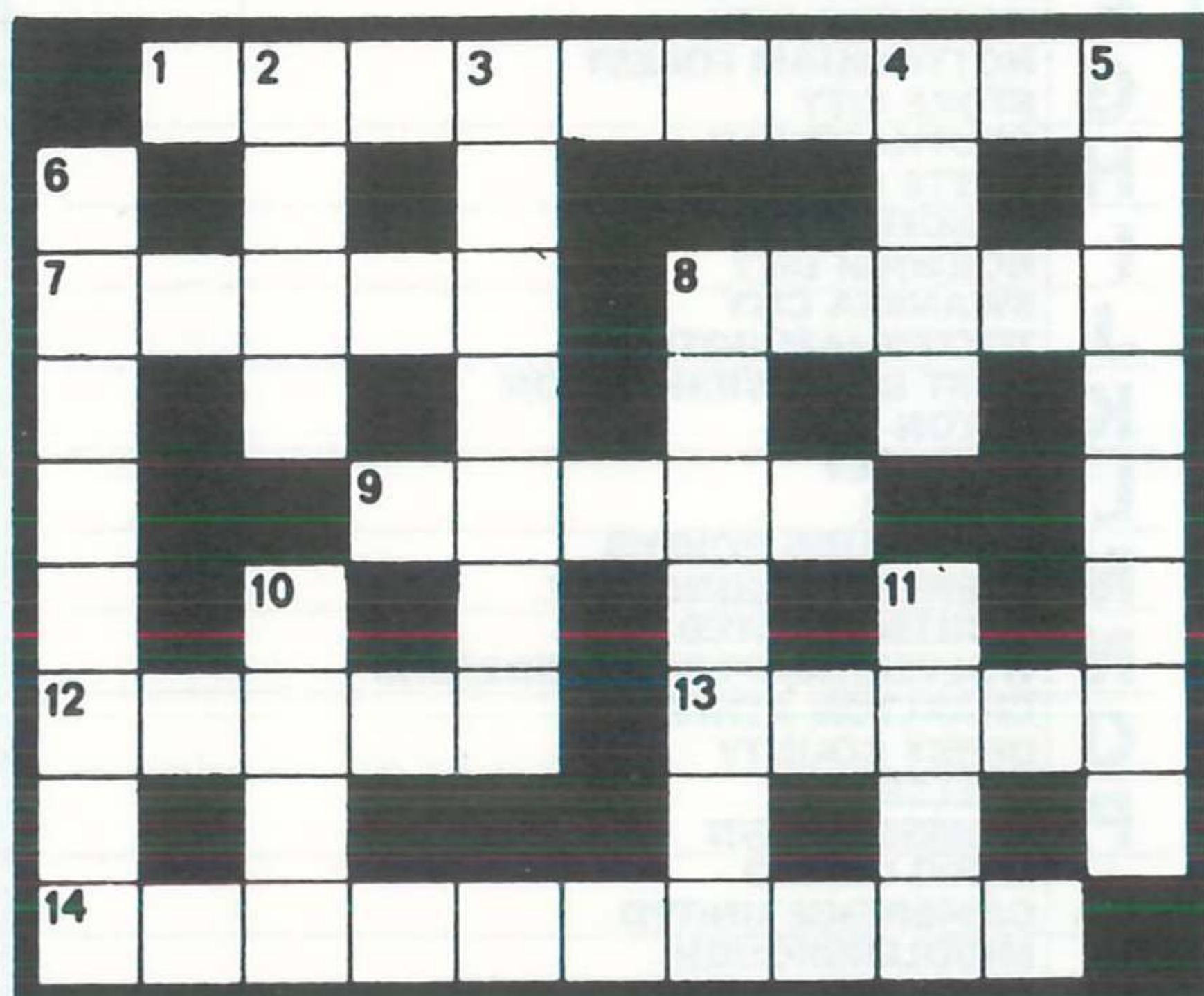
Answers to Mixed Doubles No. 4: Thorpe, Blair

QUIZ

1. Can you say which club is missing from this list — Exeter, Halifax, Oxford and Wrexham?
2. Which was the first club to score ten goals in a European Cup match?
3. Only one country failed to score in the last World Cup finals — which one?
4. They were "The Brewers" . . . but what are they now?
5. Who was the top scorer in Division One in 1981/82?

Answers to last week's Quiz: 1. San Siro (Milan); 2. Moore/Collins/Charlton; 3. Cameroon; 4. Halifax; 5. Alan Brazil.

Crossword



CLUB CLUE No. 5

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club.

SACK THE NEW LINE-UP IN
BULGARIA

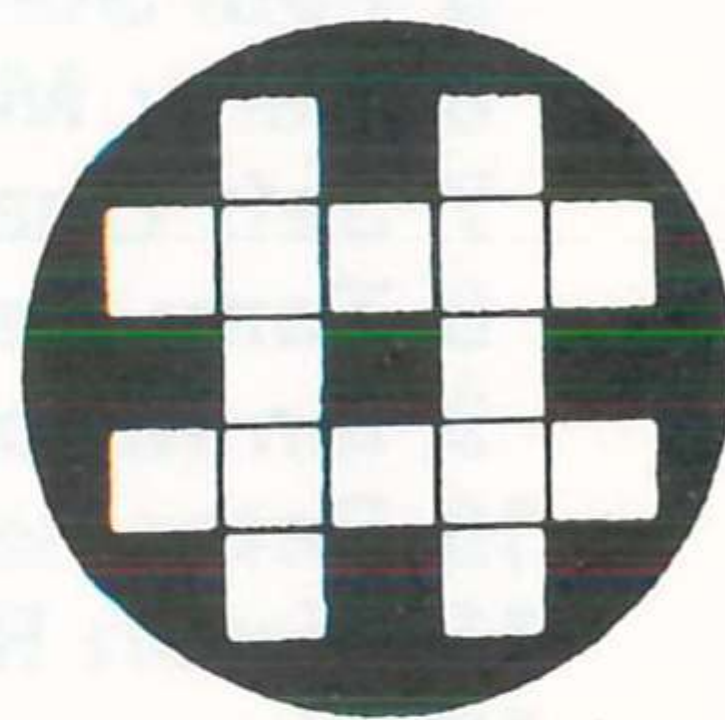
Answer to Club Clue No. 4: HAM-BURG
(GRUB REV)

ON THE BALL No. 5

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

McNeil, maybe
_____ Stainrod
Signals from the sidelines
Much-capped Scots
'keeper

Answers to On The Ball No. 4: Gerry; cross; Hansi; medal.



ACROSS

6. The Oxford Dictionary says it's a 'Group of sports clubs who play each other for championship' (6)
7. Fraser or Froggatt (4)
8. Striker _____ Green began his career with Scunthorpe in the 1970s and returned there after spells with Chesterfield and Notts County (4)
- 9 & 5dn. Glossop _____ were the only club not to resume League football after a war (5,3)
11. 'Keeper Tony's career began with a soccer ABC — Arsenal, Brighton and Charlton, and after a spell in South Africa, he played it out with Palace and Plymouth (5)
12. Milan's old Swedish stars Gren, Nordahl and Liedholm were dubbed "The Gre-no-li _____" (4)
14. _____ Massie, famous old Scottish international who played for and later managed Aston Villa (4)
15. Derek Dougan wrote a book called "_____!" (6)

Down

1. Aberdeen custodian who was Scotland's usual 'keeper in the early 1970s (5)
2. Where the Whitecaps are (9)
3. The usual night for European competitions — as it was when . . . (9)
4. . . . Aston Villa won the European Cup here (9)
5. See 9 across.
10. On top of his 200 games shared between Aberdeen, Dundee and Palace, he played 300 for Chelsea (5)
13. The first name of an England man who collected his 50th cap during the 1982 World Cup finals (3)

Answers to Crossword No. 4: Across: 1. Mark Rhodes; 7 & 8dn. Alain Giresse; 8. Green; 9. Gerry; 12. Italy; 13. Svarc; 14. goalkeeper. Down: 2 & 3. Alan Kennedy (Liverpool, 1981); 4. drew; 5. sandwich; 6. handling; 8. See 7 across; 10. Jara; 11. Dave.

Bolton and District Referees Society

The above society is on the lookout for new referees and linesmen. Anyone interested should contact: Graham Howarth, 3, Yew Tree Lane, Astley Bridge, Bolton. Tel: 54253 or visit the YMCA on any Friday and ask for the Referees Class.

TEAMS



Today's adidas match ball is supplied by H.B. Electronics, Lever Street, Bolton

BOLTON WANDERERS

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Steve Whitworth
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 John McGovern
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Gerry McElhinney
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Tony Henry
- 9 Ian Moores
- 10 Peter Reid
- 11 Simon Rudge
- 12

REFEREE — J. E. BRAY (Hinckley)
LINESMEN — G. BUSFIELD



(Sutton-in-Craven)
D. R. FARRALL
(Nantwich)

Scoreboard

HALF TIME SCOREBOARD

A	ARSENAL	
	WEST HAM UNITED	
B	BIRMINGHAM CITY	
	WATFORD	
C	EVERTON	
	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION	
D	IPSWICH TOWN	
	LIVERPOOL	
E	LUTON TOWN	
	MANCHESTER UNITED	
F	MANCHESTER CITY	
	COVENTRY CITY	
G	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	
	STOKE CITY	
H	SOUTHAMPTON	
	NOTTS COUNTY	
I	SUNDERLAND	
	NORWICH CITY	
J	SWANSEA CITY	
	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	
K	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	
	ASTON VILLA	
L	BARNLEY	
	FULHAM	
M	BLACKBURN ROVERS	
	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY	
N	CARLISLE UNITED	
	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS	
O	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	
	DERBY COUNTY	
P	CHELSEA	
	GRIMSBY TOWN	
Q	LEEDS UNITED	
	CAMBRIDGE UNITED	
R	MIDDLESBROUGH	
	OLDHAM ATHLETIC	
S	QUEENS PARK RANGERS	
	BURNLEY	
T	ROTHERHAM UNITED	
	NEWCASTLE UNITED	
U	SHREWSBURY TOWN	
	LEICESTER CITY	
V	READING	
	PRESTON NORTH END	
W	WIGAN ATHLETIC	
	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	
X	ROCHDALE	
	BURY	

CRYSTAL PALACE

- 1 Paul Barron
- 2 Paul Hinshelwood
- 3 Gary Williams
- 4 Henry Hughton
- 5 Jim Cannon
- 6 Billy Gilbert
- 7 David Jiles
- 8 Steve Lovell
- 9 Tommy Langley
- 10 Kevin Mabbutt
- 11 Vince Hilaire
- 12 Paul Baxter